



Carisbrooke Castle Museum – Trustees

Carisbrooke Castle Museum is looking to recruit a number of new Trustees to our Board. We are keen to find people with the following skills

- Background in the Museum sector as a curator/assistant curator or other museum professional
- Background in Human Resources
- Background in fundraising and willing to help drive forward our fundraising requirements

Carisbrooke Castle Museum is the oldest Museum on the Isle of Wight. It was established in 1898 by HRH Princess Beatrice, Queen Victoria's youngest daughter, in memory of her late husband, Prince Henry of Battenberg. It is believed to be the only public museum in the UK founded by a member of the Royal Family. Founded as a 'treasury of objects illustrating the history of the island', the Museum now cares for over 37,000 items connected with Isle of Wight history.

Carisbrooke Castle Museum Trust was originally established to run the museum by HRH Princess Beatrice shortly before her death in 1944. This was superseded by a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), established in 2020. For more information about the Museum please visit our website carisbrookecastlemuseum.org.uk

Carisbrooke Castle Museum Trust has a committed team of staff, volunteers and Trustees who have a vision to drive the Museum into the next stage of its evolution. You would be joining that new team at an exciting time as we develop our plans for the future in this historic Castle setting. The Museum could not function without its volunteers who cover front of house, collections care, maintenance and trustee roles. We work in partnership with English Heritage who manage the castle.

A Carisbrooke Castle Museum Trustee has the following obligations:

- Ensure the financial viability of the Museum
- Provide a framework of plans and policies to define the Museum's purpose, and for monitoring achievement of its objectives
- Act as an advocate of the Museum within the community
- Provide for the safety, security and preservation of the collections
- Ensure that the Museum serves the public.

If you are interested in becoming a Trustee, please submit your CV and a short supporting statement which outlines why you would like to join the Board and what you feel you have to offer the Museum moving forward. Alternatively give us a call at the Museum on 01983 523112

We are looking for Trustees with the following qualities:

- A commitment to and understanding of the work of Carisbrooke Castle Museum
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort

- Strategic vision and the ability to focus on practical issues
- Objectivity and fairness
- A good team player able to debate issues in a constructive and collegiate manner
- Good, independent judgement
- Experience of serving on a committee or board
- Ability and willingness to be an ambassador for the charity and to represent the charity positively
- An understanding and acceptance of the legal duties, responsibilities and liabilities of being a Trustee
- A commitment to Nolan's seven principles of public life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership
- No significant conflicts of interest

We would also welcome applications from candidates whose appointment would improve the Board's diversity, for example in terms of age, ethnicity, and educational and employment backgrounds.

Availability Details

There are quarterly formal Board Meetings in person, typically lasting 1.5-2 hours and take place on a Monday afternoon/early evening. These are held face to face but virtual attendance can be facilitated by exception. In addition, other meetings that take place normally lasting 1 hour these cover finance/fundraising and grants, education and volunteer management. Dates for Board Meetings are set 12 months in advance and papers are distributed 1 week prior to the meeting. Dates for other meetings are agreed with Trustees. Trustees are encouraged to come in and learn more about the operation of the Museum and the history. The fundraising Trustee would be expected to support events during the year.